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TAGS: ETRD, EFIS, KS, US
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FISH MARKETING DATA

REF: SEOUL 518

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED APPARENTLY PRINTED CIRCULAR FORM LETTER DATED JANUARY 14 FROM USDOC DISTRICT OFFICE AT BOSTON ADDRESSED BY NAME TO EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR REQUESTING EXPORT MARKETING DATA ON FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MARCH 1, 1977 IMPOSITION OF THE U.S. 200 MILE FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ZONE.

2. REQUEST, IF ADDRESSED TO ANY OTHER PRODUCTS, WOULD BE A REASONABLE ONE REFLECTING FAVORABLY ON THE ALERTNESS OF THE FIELD OFFICE STAFF, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE SUCH REQUESTS ARE BEST CHANNELLED THROUGH COMMERCE SO THAT THEY CAN BE CONSOLIDATED WITH SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS BY OTHER FIELD OFFICES.

3. HOWEVER, ROK POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE USSR IN THE
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LIGHT OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF A 200 MILE ZONE BY THE SOVIETS AS WELL AS U.S. PORTENDS SERIOUS SETBACK IN ROK FISHING EFFORTS IN THE NORTHERN PACIFIC WITH CONSEQUENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISLOCATION. EMBOFFS AND USG NEGOTIATING TEAMS HAVE JUSTIFIED THE PROBABLE NEED FOR SACRIFICE ON THE PART OF KOREAN INDUSTRY BY STRESSING CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES. ANTICIPATORY INTERNATIONAL MARKETING EFFORT

BY AN ARM OF THE USG AT THIS TIME CAN RAISE POLITICAL MISUNDERSTANDING. WE TRUST THAT INQUIRY FOR DATA WAS SENT ONLY TO EMBASSY.

4. REPLY TO QUESTION RAISED IS THAT IMPORT OF FISHERY PRODUCTS INTO KOREA IS PROHIBITED FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REASONS. KOREA HAS ATTEMPTED TO BECOME NUTRITIONALLY SELF-RELIANT IN ORDER TO CONSERVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DEFENSE WHILE COVERING THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS AND EARNING A SURPLUS FROM THE DEEP SEA FISHING INDUSTRY BY FISH EXPORTS MAINLY TO JAPAN AND THE U.S. ALASKA POLLACK FROM THE NORTH PACIFIC IS VIRTUALLY THE ONLY SPECIES WHICH KOREAN VESSELS CAN LAND IN KOREA FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. FISHING GEAR IS ALSO PRODUCED LOCALLY AND A SURPLUS BOAT CAPACITY IS EXPECTED TO BE CREATED BY THE EFFECTS OF THE 200 MILE ZONES.

5. REQUEST HENCEFORTH THAT USG EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES TOWARD KOREA IN THIS SENSITIVE FIELD BE COORDINATED THROUGH NMFS, COMMERCE AND STATE. SNEIDER

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